



Currently amended claims of Serial No. 10/738,417 (revised format)

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of neutralizing opponents in a terrorist and/or hostage situation where said terrorists are within a confined space comprising:

creating an opening in said space apart from the normal openings therein [such as]
including windows or doors,

calculating the amount of CO2 it will take to insert through said opening to render
the opponents unconscious,

inserting [an inert gas] CO2 into said space in an amount calculated to render the
[terrorists] opponents unconscious,

venting said space of said [inert] CO2 gas so as to provide air to allow the
[occupants] opponents and hostages to [obtain] attain consciousness.

2. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein the [inert gas] CO2 is
inserted into said space in amount comprising 12 to 15% of the air in the space.

3. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein the opening in said space is created by a lance connected to a battering ram[.], said lance being on the forward end of said battering ram, said battering ram having a sliding weight portion thereon.
4. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3 wherein said lance has an aperture therein which allows gas to flow into said space[.] once said battering ram has created said opening and said lance is projecting into said space.
5. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein said opening is already present and the gas is introduced under a door of the space[.] by a insertion nozzle configured to fit beneath a door.
6. (Original) A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the inside of a structure.
7. (Original) A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the passenger compartment of a commercial airliner.
8. (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein said [inert gas is] CO₂[.] is mixed with an odorant which gives off an odor similar to a petroleum product.
9. (Original) A method as in claim 8 wherein said CO₂ is introduced so as to be 12 to 15% of the air within the space.

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10. (Currently amended) A [inert gas] CO2 neutralizing system for [use against] use against terrorists and/or hostage takers within a confined space, said system comprising
- a source of [inert gas,] CO2,
- manual non-explosive means to create an opening in said space,
- and means to deliver said [inert gas] CO2 from said source into said space.
- said means to deliver said CO2 operatively connected to said means to create an opening.
11. (Original) A system as in claim 10 wherein said gas source is a tank with a delivery hose.
12. (Original) A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to create an opening in said space comprises a battering ram for punching a hole in a wall or door.
13. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to deliver said gas from said source to said space comprises a hollow lance, said lance being connected to said battering ram[.] at the forward end thereof.

14. (Original) A system as in claim 13 wherein said lance means has a valve thereon whereby the flow of gas can be controlled.
15. (Original) A system as in claim 14 wherein said lance has dissipation holes therein whereby the gas may disperse into the confined space.
16. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 10 wherein said [inert gas is CO₂.]
CO₂ has an odorant mixed therewith to create a false impression of the nature of the gas.
17. (Original) A system as in claim 11 wherein the means for creating an opening in said space and the means to deliver said gas are the same member.
18. (Original) A system as in claim 17 wherein said member comprises a hollow lance for introducing gas into said space and the opening for said lance is created by a portion of said member being a battering ram.
19. (Currently amended) A system as in claim 18 wherein said member has an adjustment valve thereon for regulating the amount of gas that flows into said space.
20. (Cancelled) A system as in claim 10 wherein said system is mounted inside a commercial aircraft and said means to create an opening into the space, which is a passenger compartment, is a remote valve controlled from the aircraft cockpit.